

HANNA'S LATEST TRICK

Trying to Use the Taft Commission Report as a Scarescrow.

Pretext to Force an Extra Session for His Subsidy Scheme—His Game Blocked by Senators of His Own Party, Who Declare That Everything Needed for the Philippines Can Be Accomplished by the Adoption of the Spooner Resolution. Democrats Deny Indignantly Any Intention of Relaxing Opposition to Bounty-Willing to Sit Till June.

The Ship Subsidy Press Bureau, which supplies those newspapers that are not actually opposed to the Hanna bill with glowing statements as to the prospects of its passage and the incalculable benefits to be derived from it, has appeared on a new tack, and yesterday and today have reflected Mr. Hanna's threat of an extra session in the event of a vote not being reached before March 4. It is even hinted in the bulletins that all of the Republican leaders are in favor of an extra session and that the Democrats, rather than be compelled to remain here until June, have agreed not to offer any factious opposition to the bounty scheme.

This statement, like most of those issued by the Frye press bureau, has been stretched to the limit, and there is no truth in it. The Republican leaders are all opposed to an extra session for any reason whatever, and the list includes Messrs. Spooner, Allison, Platt of Connecticut, Aldrich, Hale, McMillan, Davis, and Proctor.

It was discovered last night by the Republican leaders, it is reported, that an attempt was being made by Mr. Hanna to force them into an extra session by means of a subterfuge. When the report of the Taft Commission was received Mr. Hanna is said to have been deeply impressed with the need of immediate legislation for the archipelago, and so informed the Republicans in the Senate. His idea was, it is alleged, to force an extra session under the pretext of Philippine legislation, when in reality the plan was to secure more time and assure the passage of the bounty bill.

The foremost members of the Steering Committee, it would seem, have seen through the scheme, and today announced that such legislation as was needed could easily be had by adopting the Spooner resolution which has been before this Congress for two years. This resolution provides that the President shall have Supreme authority in the archipelago after the military forces have withdrawn and until a permanent form of civil government has been established. It is believed that this is all that is necessary at this session and that it can be passed with little delay. These Republican leaders are not at all pleased with this effort to drag them into an extra session.

As to the statement that the Democrats have agreed to "lie down," if they are not forced into an extra session, this is indignantly denied. The Democrats are solidly against the measure and intend not only to vote but to talk against it. "This statement is absolutely without foundation," said a prominent Democratic Senator this morning. "If we have not been showing vicious opposition when the bill has been under consideration it is merely because there is plenty of time and there are several Senators on guard. Don't you believe that Mr. Hanna can scare us with an extra session bluff. His own party leaders are against it, and, besides, we would gladly sit here until June if there is any chance to kill a few measures like the Subsidy bill. I think Mr. Hanna will discover this before many days."

ROUTINE OF THE SENATE.

Bill to Amend the District Game Laws Favorably Reported.

When the Senate convened at noon today only four members were in the chamber. The desk occupied by Mr. Cullom was piled high with floral tributes. A handsome basket of roses from the Illinois delegation in Congress occupied a prominent position. Mr. Nelson also received a basket of roses.

Mr. Hittelfield presented the credentials of Mr. Dubois, as a Senator from Idaho for the term beginning March 4, 1901. Mr. Mason presented the credentials of Mr. Cullom as a Senator from Illinois for the term beginning March 4, 1901. Mr. Gallinger favorably reported, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, a bill to amend an act relating to the game laws in the District of Columbia. Mr. Morgan presented a resolution, adopted by the National Board of Trade, favoring the immediate construction of the Nicaragua Canal. This was read and referred to the Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals.

Mr. Hoar offered a resolution directing the President to send to the Senate all information in his possession with regard to the holding of lands by the Church in the Philippines.

THE BUFFALO EXPOSITION.

Hearing for Aid Before the House Committee on Appropriations.

The House Committee on Appropriations today heard arguments in behalf of an appropriation for the Buffalo Exposition. J. J. Melbourne, president of the exposition; W. J. Buchanan, director general; Norman E. Mack, John W. Scotchard, George Bleisstein, and Leonard A. Simons, of Buffalo, were accompanied by Representatives Wadsworth, Sherman, Emerson, Ryan, and Latta.

The delegation represented that the exposition had been authorized to issue \$2,500,000 of stock, of which \$1,750,000 had already been issued. They desired that the Government, through an amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, subscribe to the remaining \$750,000 stock. Estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the exposition were presented by the delegation to show that the Government subscription would be repaid in full.

Hearings on Army Appropriations. Hearings on the Army Appropriation bill will begin on Monday. The Paymaster General of the Army is now at work on the estimates to meet the new conditions created by the passage of the Army Reorganization bill.

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ERRORS IN THE ARMY BILL.

Action on the Conference Report Delayed in the Senate.

At the close of morning business in the Senate today, the consideration of the Indian Appropriation bill was resumed. The reading of the measure for committee amendments was continued.

Mr. Hawley presented the conference report on the Army Reorganization bill. He pointed out two errors in the report and asked for a new conference. Mr. Lodge said that he wanted to see the report first. Mr. Platt of Connecticut said that the report should be read to the Senate.

Mr. Allison said that the errors were absolute, and must be rejected. Mr. Chandler said that the matter was a serious one. Mr. Frye attempted to cut off all debate by declaring Mr. Hawley's motion agreed to.

Messrs. Lodge, Chandler, and Platt of Connecticut, protested against arbitrary rulings and insisted upon their rights. The conference report was then read.

Mr. Lodge then demanded that the bill remain the errors be placed before the Senate.

Mr. Hawley agreed to this and the bills were sent for.

Mr. Hawley asked that the matter go over until Monday. This was agreed to.

THE DISTRICT IN CONGRESS

Several Bills Acted Upon by the House Committee.

Favorable Report on Washington and Georgetown Gas Company's Proposed Consolidation.

The House District Committee held a special meeting this morning and disposed of several local measures. Before proceeding to business Chairman Babcock asked if any of the members of the committee had received requests from anyone to be heard on the Pearce bill, relating to the Washington Gaslight Company. This is the bill considered by the House last Monday. Mr. Cowherd said that Representative Hieburn, Grosvenor, and Danzell had asked to be heard. A message was despatched to the floor of the House in search of the gentlemen, but they could not be found.

Mr. Jenkins, of the committee, asked that Representative Richardson's bill to amend the charter of the Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company of the District of Columbia, allowing the company to increase the limit of its policies from \$1,000 to \$2,000, be favorably reported. Mr. Jenkins stated that the bill was yesterday passed a similar bill. The bill was ordered favorably reported.

The next bill called up was the one increasing the salaries of the Police Court Judges from \$2,500 to \$3,000 and providing for the appointment of a temporary judge for the Police Court. Mr. Jenkins stated that there was a bill pending before the House Judiciary Committee to increase the salaries of all Federal Court Judges. At the suggestion of Chairman Babcock, the bill was laid aside without prejudice and will come up at a future meeting of the committee.

The Pearce Gaslight bill was called up, and a general discussion followed. There was no action on the bill on the part of the members of the committee. The only object sought being to amend the bill to meet the objections raised on the floor of the House last Monday.

Section 4 of the bill was amended by adding the words "Provided that in the ascertainment of said actual value of said stock the value of the bonds of the actual outstanding liabilities of said company shall be first deducted." This amendment meets the approval of the committee. Chairman Babcock said the bill under consideration was an entire new measure, and had no bearing whatever on the Electric Light Company of the District.

Executive session the Gaslight bill was ordered favorably reported, as was also the Commissioners' bill for the reorganization of the police force. The bill to reorganize and preserve all the corporate franchises and property rights of the de facto corporation known as the German Orphan Asylum Association of the District of Columbia, was also ordered favorably reported.

Owing to the time consumed in considering the several local bills ordered favorably reported, the hour for adjournment arrived before the committee could act on the instruction of the House directing the committee to report back a bill reducing the price of gas in the District of Columbia.

THE POSTAL CODE BILL.

Its Consideration Resumed by the House of Representatives.

The House today disagreed to the Senate amendments to the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bill, agreed to the conference asked for, and the Speaker named Messrs. Bingham, Hemenway, and Livingston conferees for the House.

The committee of the Whole Mr. Lawrence in the chair, consideration was resumed of the bill revising the postal code. Considerable time was spent in discussing the amendment proposed when the bill was last before the committee, making only minor changes in the postal code in which a star route is located therein. It was finally defeated—42 to 63.

PROPOSED MARINE HOSPITAL.

Secretary Gage Recommends an Appropriation for New York.

Secretary Gage sent to Congress today a recommendation that \$100,000, to be made immediately available for the work of filling up and reclaiming some three acres of flats in New York Harbor, adjacent to Ellis Island, as a site for a marine hospital. The Supervising Architect says in his report to Secretary Gage that if this sum is immediately made available the material taken from the excavations in the new Custom House can be used for filling.

Protection to Motormen.

Mr. Corliss has introduced a bill to protect employees of street railway companies. The bill provides for a vestibule for the motormen. It is also provided that nine hours of labor to be performed within eleven consecutive hours, shall constitute a day's labor in the operation of all street railways in the District of Columbia.

Leave for Repair Shop Employees.

Representative Pearce has introduced a bill providing that after July 1, 1901, the clerks and employees of the mail bag repair shops connected with the Postoffice Department of the United States, whether employed by the month, day, or otherwise, shall be allowed leaves of absence with full pay for not exceeding thirty days in any fiscal year. Provided, that no clerk or employee be granted a leave under the provisions of this act until he has performed service for one year.

NO EXTRA SESSION LIKELY

Opinion of Congressmen Who Have Seen the President.

Failure of the Ship Subsidy Bill May Cause the Calling of Congress. Though the Taft Commission Report May Serve as a Pretext—Costly Ballot Box for Mr. McKinley.

Senators and Representatives who called at the White House this morning and conversed with the President do not incline generally to the opinion that there will be an extra session of Congress. The letter of the President transmitting to Congress the report of the Taft Commission was yesterday regarded by many as indicative of the President's determination to convene the Fifty-seventh Congress in session for the consideration of the Spooner bill, which provides that when the insurrection in the islands shall have ceased, all military, civil, and judicial powers to govern the islands shall, until otherwise directed by Congress, be vested in the President, to be exercised by persons appointed through him. Senator Spooner is anxious for the passage of the bill, but there is little likelihood, with all the other matters to be disposed of, that the bill will be passed before the session can be called.

The subject was talked over by a large number of Senators who called at the White House today, and the majority view was that the bill has never before been introduced. It is believed by these Congressmen that upon the fate of the Subsidy bill will depend more largely whether or not there will be an extra session, than upon the fate of the Spooner bill. It is believed that the extra session would not be called. Just what the Administration's plans are in this regard will doubtless be developed within the next few days.

President McKinley was yesterday the recipient of one of the handsomest gifts yet presented to him since he has held the office. It is an elaborate ballot box containing the votes of the nine electors of California. The box is 8 by 8 inches square, and was designed and manufactured after suggestions from J. Steppacher, Assistant Secretary of the Republican State Committee, being constructed of California woods, mounted with 14-karat gold. The box proper is formed by four panels of beveled silver plate, the front face of dark wood burl. Rising from each of the four corners is a column of mahogany, with base and capital of gold, heavily chased. Resting upon these columns is the top of the box, which is made of silver, madrone, and mahogany—the upper part opening as a lid, hinged, and fastened with a gold padlock, the key of which is secured by a chain to the front face of the base is placed, in gold, the great seal of the State of California, on either side of which is an American flag enameled in relief, entwined with laurel leaves in relief.

On the back of the base is a shield inscribed: "Presented to Hon. William McKinley, by the Electors of California, November 5th, 1900." On the front face of the box is a gold band, engraved: "Ballot Box, Presidential Electors of California, January 14, 1901." The whole is contained in a rich mahogany case, the bottom of which, when the cover is removed, serves as a pedestal.

The gift was presented by State Senator S. M. Shortridge, one of the electors, and the messenger selected by the delegation to bring the electoral vote of California to Washington. He was accompanied by Mr. Francis J. McGowan, Chairman of the Republican State Committee of California. Senator Shortridge was introduced to the President by Senator Perkins, and several of the California delegation were present when the ballot box was handed to the President. Senator Shortridge made a felicitous speech in tendering the gift to which Mr. McKinley made an appropriate reply.

The casting of the ballots at the Capitol in Sacramento was attended with elaborate ceremonies, and the electors resolved to send the box in which they deposited their votes to the President. The gavel used upon the occasion is to be presented to Vice President-elect Roosevelt.

HOBBSON GREATLY IMPROVED.

To Leave the New York Presbyterian Hospital This Afternoon.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Lieutenant Hobson, who has been ill at the Presbyterian Hospital with typhoid fever since December 1, will leave there this afternoon. After a few days' visit with his friend, S. R. Bertrou, of No. 56 West Fifty-fourth Street, he will go to his home in Greensboro, Ala., to stay until he has entirely recovered from his illness. He is accompanied by Rear Admiral Sampson to complete his convalescence in Boston, but he did not think it best to make the journey.

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HEAVY SNOW IN CHICAGO.

Traffic Lines Fighting to Maintain Their Schedules.

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THE BEVERAGE ROOM.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 26.—Leading members of the Indiana General Assembly do not take any stock in the report from Tennessee that a boom has been started there for Senator Beveridge of Indiana for President in 1904. The Indianapolis leaders still favor Senator Fairbanks. Beveridge's close political friends here say he has authorized no such movement as that said to have started in Tennessee.

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\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return via B. & O. Saturday and Sunday.

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FAVORS OVERSTREET'S BILL.

Report of the House Committee on Banking and Currency.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency today ordered a favorable report on the Overstreet bill requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange gold coin for standard silver dollars in sums of \$50 and upwards on demand.

There is considerable rivalry between the Committees on Coinage, Weights and Measures, and on Banking and Currency, over the subject of a bill to maintain the parity of money. The former committee on Thursday reported the Hill bill providing for the gradual receding of the silver dollars into subsidiary coin. The Overstreet bill has no such feature and differs from the Hill bill in that it provides that when the gold reserve is drawn upon to make the exchange of gold for silver, the silver dollar so received shall be treated as greenbacks and withdrawn from the reserve fund only in exchange for gold.

Chairman Southard, of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, introduced a resolution making the Hill bill a special order to follow the existing special orders in the hope of heading off the Overstreet bill.

A WARNING TO FILIPINOS

Those Assisting the Insurgents to Be Made Ineligible for Office.

A Bill Passed by the Philippine Commission to That Effect—President Taft's Declaration.

MANILA, Jan. 26.—The Philippine Commission today passed a bill to the effect that all persons bearing arms against the United States in the Philippines or giving aid to persons in rebellion against the authority of the United States after the 1st of April next will not be eligible to hold civil office.

President Taft sounded a note of warning and said the time had come to separate the goats from the sheep. The Filipinos, he said, must now realize the futility of the insurrection and the determination of the American Government to enforce a just policy of the fullest liberty commensurate with the conditions. The sole objection to the carrying out of this policy, he said, is the action of unorganized bodies of armed men who are really criminals.

At the request of prominent Filipinos the bill with the speeches of President Taft and Commissioner Wright will be printed and scattered broadcast.

Another bill was passed, requiring at least six hours' service every day, except Sundays and holidays, from every employee in the civil service. This bill also regulates the length of vacations according to the salaries paid.

After three years' service every Government employee will receive free transportation to the United States. He desires to visit that country.

AFFAIRS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

General Funston Reports on a Fight With the Insurgents.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A despatch from Manila, Island of Panay, dated January 26, says that about 50,000 Filipinos have sworn allegiance to the United States in Iloilo province.

The Philippine Commission has passed the act declaring persons in arms against the United States authority or aiding and abetting the insurrectionists after March next ineligible to hold office.

A bill has also been enacted regulating the hours of labor and leave of absence of civil service appointees. The measure requires six hours work daily and provides free transportation for American employees from San Francisco with half salary from the day of embarkation.

General Funston reports that thirty of his men near San Isidro killed five insurgents. The bodies were found in a trench, and the insurgents were engaged in a fight with the soldiers. Tagantun, the notorious leader and assassin, Tagantun was killed while trying to escape.

CONGRUENT BLOODTHIRSTY.

State Department Denies a Statement Attributed to the Minister.

The State Department today issued a statement denying the reports from Pekin to the effect that Minister Conger is demanding the imposition of the death penalty upon all princes and generals of China, named in the despatches. The statement that Mr. Conger has insisted upon the execution of these criminals is declared to be absolutely false.

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ESCORTED BY THE KAISER

The Crown Prince of Germany Arrives at Osborne.

Accompanied by His Father, He Places a Wreath on the Casket of Victoria—The Artists and Newspaper Correspondents at Cowes Admitted to the Mortuary Chapel.

EAST COWES, Jan. 26.—The morning opened cold and sunny. Emperor William, accompanied by Colonel Carrington, drove from Osborne House early this morning to Trinity Pier, where they boarded the royal yacht Alberta and started across the Solent.

The Emperor went to Portsmouth to meet his son, Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm.

The beautiful mortuary chapel where the Queen's body lies might be regarded as the mourning chamber of a great private household but for the four red-coated, moustached privates of the Grenadier Guards leaning on reversed rifles at either corner of the coffin and the emerald crown of diamonds which is resting on the dark-blue ribbon of the garter with its diamond insignia.

The chamber is not larger than the dining-room of any great mansion. Its finely carved white and gold ceiling, with its pale pink and blue designs, is the only portion that has not been touched. The walls are draped from floor to ceiling with dark crimson. A great Union Jack stretches on one side of the room for its entire height. An ivy cross of arched and lilies of the valley interwoven stands against the wall.

Except for the lofty candelabra at the coffin and the wax tapers on the altar, the room is lit with shaded electric lamps.

An aide-de-camp dressed in black civilian mourning, standing by the oaken seat, was the only member of the household present when the artists and correspondents were allowed to view the body today.

The Kaiser with the Crown Prince of Germany placed the wreath of the latter on the coffin soon after his arrival here today.

A story is told here of the Queen's last act of private kindness to the poor. On the Wednesday before she died and when she was very sick, an aged woman came to the Queen's bedside. The woman wrote a note to her, in which she stated that her husband was bedridden and without the comforts necessary to withstand the winter. Sir Fleetwood Edwards, the Keeper of the Queen's Privy Purse, answered that the Queen was very sorry to hear of the sickness of the woman's husband, and hoped he would recover. A £5 note was enclosed.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—A story which is being told of Queen Alexandra is typical of the woman. Some one at Osborne addressed her as "Your Majesty." "There cannot be two Queens," she remarked, adding that she wished to be called Her Royal Highness until after the funeral of Queen Victoria.

THE KAISER DISPLEASED.

German Legislative Bodies Criticized for Not Adjourning.

COLOGNE, Jan. 26.—The "Rheinisch Westphalian Gazette" says Emperor William has signified his displeasure because the Reichstag and the Prussian Diet did not adjourn when the news of the Queen's death was received.

He calls attention to the fact that the legislative bodies of America, Italy, Hungary, and Belgium took this action and characterized the omission on the part of the Reichstag and Diet as a breach of good manners.

PROCLAIMED IN CAPE TOWN.

Great Enthusiasm Over the Accession of Edward VII.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 26.—(Noon).—The accession of King Edward has just been proclaimed from the steps of the town-hall. There was an enormous gathering of the people which completely filled Green Market Square, the largest open space in the centre of the city.

Sir Alfred Milner, Governor General of the Orange River and Vaal River Colonies and formerly Governor of Cape Colony, was present.

After the reading of the proclamation, the crowd joined in singing "God Save the King." There were enthusiastic cheers for the King. A royal salute was fired from the castle.

THE QUEEN'S OBSEQUIES.

No Arrangements Yet Made by the British Embassy.

It was stated at the British Embassy this morning that the announcement, made in an afternoon paper yesterday, regarding the funeral services in memory of the dead Queen, is entirely without authority, and was not given out at the Embassy, as stated. No arrangements for the services can be made until the Embassy is in receipt from the Court Chamberlain of the proclamation of official mourning, which is expected to arrive at any time.

King's Colors to Be Withdrawn.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The "Sporting Times" says it is not likely the King's colors will be seen on the turf during the period of mourning. His stud will probably be transferred temporarily to Marcus Beresford.

Paris Newspaper Apologizes.

PARIS, Jan. 26.—The "Matin" this morning apologizes for the disrespectful article on Queen Victoria which appeared in last Thursday's issue of the paper. The writer of the article has been dismissed.

French Theatres to Be Closed.

PARIS, Jan. 26.—The state theatres will be closed on the day of Queen Victoria's funeral.

The Oxford-Cambridge Race.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Oxford-Cambridge boat race will take place on March 30.

New Train Service South via Seaboard Air-Line Railway.

Commencing Sunday, 27th instant, the Florida and Atlanta Fast Mail will leave Pennsylvania station, 8:35 a. m. daily, arriving Jacksonville 7:30, and Atlanta 5:30 the next morning. Connecting with fast trains south and southwest. Pullman and coach service.

INAUGURAL AIDE ACCEPTS.

Harry Garfield to Assist in Managing the Parade.

The regular meeting of the Inaugural Committee has been postponed until Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Arlington Hotel, because several of the sub-committees have nearly-completed business which it would not be possible to report at a session tonight.

Lieutenant Overton, in charge of the Grand Marshal's headquarters, is in receipt of a communication from H. A. Garfield, accepting the tender of the Grand Marshal's appointment as an aide-de-camp for the inaugural parade. Mr. Garfield is a son of former President James A. Garfield, and is engaged in the profession of law at Cleveland, Ohio.

Lieutenant Overton has also a letter from George A. Brown, Adjutant General of the State of Michigan, requesting that a place in line be reserved for the Governor of Michigan, Aaron T. Bliss, who would attend the inauguration with his staff.

At the headquarters of the Committee on Civic Organizations, a letter has been received from the Rail Splitters of Toledo, Ohio, officially notifying the committee of their intention to participate in the inaugural parade. The Rail Splitters, eighty-three strong, will be accompanied by a drum and bugle corps, and will wear military uniforms.

The Committee on Military Organizations has been already assured of a large attendance of State militia troops from all over the country. Among others who have signified their intention to participate at the parade are: Squadron A, of New York, 150 men strong, who will be under the command of Captain O'Donohue; the Twenty-third Regiment of Brooklyn, 500 strong; Troop A, Ohio National Guard, 20 strong; the Washington Light Infantry, of Pittsburgh, 100 strong, under the command of Capt. R. R. Giffess; Company B, Second Regiment, New York National Guard, from Cohoes, N. Y., under command of Lieut. T. G. McNeill; Troop A, Cavalry, Maryland, National Guard